

MEETING MINUTES
MONTGOMERY COUNTY COUNCIL
MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMISSIONER
TUESDAY, APRIL 10, 2018 – 9:00 a.m.
TRAINING/CONFERENCE ROOM, MONTGOMERY COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT,
600 MEMORIAL DRIVE, CRAWFORDSVILLE, IN

The April 10, 2018 Montgomery County Council Meeting was held at 9:00 am at the Montgomery County Jail in the Training Room. In attendance were Council President Terry Hockersmith, Councilmen Gary Booth, Don Mills, Mark Smith, Mark Davidson, Greg Morrison and Richard Chastain. Auditor Jennifer Andel and Attorney Rob Reimondo were present, as well as Commissioner President Jim Fulwider, Commissioner John Frey, Commissioner Phil Bane and Attorney Dan Taylor

- I. CALL TO ORDER – Council President Hockersmith called the meeting to order. This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, then a Prayer given by Councilman Mills.
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: March 13, 2018 – A motion to approve the minutes as made by Councilman Morrison, seconded by Council President Hockersmith. Motion carried 7-0.
- III. PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS: None.
- IV. MONEY MATTERS:
 - A. Additional:
 1. \$1,050.00 REIMBURSEMENT to COGEN – Jail – Uniforms (1000.0380.420.422.0.0030)
 2. \$677.36 REIMBURSEMENT to COGEN – Jail – Extradition (1000.0380.430.436.0.0010)
 3. \$862.72 REIMBURSEMENT to COGEN – Jail – Meals (1000.0380.420.422.0.0064)
 - a. Sheriff Casteel reported line 1 is available due to an employee quitting, line 2 is a reimbursement from Probation and line 3 is due to their rebate program.
 4. \$463.91 REIMBURSEMENT to PS LIT – Vehicle Repair (1170.005.430.436.0.0053)
 5. \$15,030.64 REIMBURSEMENT to PS LIT – Communications (1170.0005.430.432.0.0017)
 6. \$8,701.00 REIMBURSEMENT to PS LIT – Vehicle Purchase (1170.0005.440.445.0.0023)
 - a. Sheriff Casteel reported line 4 is a reimbursement from a vehicle crash repair, line 5 comes from the air card program and line 6 is from a vehicle total; a new car is on order.
 7. \$50.00 REIMBURSEMENT to Sheriff Donations – Repairs/Equipment (4996.0005.440.445.0.0010)
 - a. This is a donation by the First Baptist Church. Sheriff Castell extended a thank you on behalf of his department and the county.
 - b. A motion to approve lines 1-7 as made by Councilman Chastain, seconded by Councilman Davidson. Motion carried 7-0.
 8. \$1,000.00 to COGEN – Superior 1 – Interpreter (1000.0201.430.431.0.0064)
 - a. A motion to approve line 8 as made by Councilman Chastain, seconded by Councilman Smith. Motion carried 7-0.
 9. \$5,000.00 to COGEN – Probation Dept (1000.0235.410.411.0.0024)
 - a. A motion to table line 9 as made by Councilman Booth, seconded by Councilman Morrison. Motion carried 7-0.
 10. \$5,000.00 to COGEN – EMA – EOC (1000.9655.430.437.0.0030)
 11. \$4,000.00 to COGEN – EMA – Generator & Other Equipment (1000.9655.440.445.0.0074)
 - a. Councilman Davidson extended his appreciation for the grant money Shari Harrington brings in and felt like her request was small, in comparison. He made a motion to

- approve lines 10 and 11, seconded by Councilman Morrison. Motion carried 7-0.
12. \$941.05 to COGEN – EMA – Travel (1000.9655.430.432.0.0022)
 - a. Shari Harrington serves on the board of AHIMTA and this is a reimbursement for her hotel and air expenses.
 13. \$12,656.00 to Drug Free Community Fund – Admin Expenses (1148.0234.430.415.0.0010)
 14. \$14,116.00 to Drug Free Community Fund – Education/Prevention (1148.0234.430.415.0.0020)
 15. \$14,116.00 to Drug Free Community Fund – Intervention/Treatment (1148.0234.430.415.0.0030)
 16. \$14,116.00 to Drug Free Community Fund – Law Enforcement/Justice (1148.0234.430.415.0.0040)
 - a. Lines 13-16 are funded through user fees. This is a formal request for appropriation, as the budget for this fund has already been approved. A motion to approve lines 13-16 as made by Councilman Booth, seconded by Councilman Davidson. Motion carried 7-0.
 17. \$1,200.00 to Drug Court/Bond Admin – Public Defender Lease (4902.0201.430.437.0.0055)
 - a. This is for parking rent. A motion to approve lines 13-16 as made by Councilman Mills, seconded by Councilman Chastain. Motion carried 7-0.
 18. \$3,000.00 to Supplemental Public Defender Svcs Fund – Repairs/Equipment (4923.TBD)
 - a. This is a new line funded by filing fees from people using our courts. A motion to approve line 18 as made by Councilman Booth, seconded by Councilman Smith. Motion carried 7-0.

B. Transfers:

1. \$2,000.00 from COGEN – Superior 1 – Law Clerk (1000.0201.430.431.0.0031) to Pauper Transcripts (1000.0201.430.431.0.0033)
 - a. Auditor Anandel explained there were unused funds due to the court not having a clerk for some time. A motion to approve line 1 as made by Councilman Booth, seconded by Councilman Morrison. Motion carried 7-0.
2. \$1,000 from Stormwater Management – Fuel/Oil (1197.0006.430.432.0.0016) to Computer/Software (1197.0006.430.436.0.0016)
3. \$1,000 from Stormwater Management – Equipment (1197.0006.430.436.0.0012) to Computer/Software (1197.0006.430.436.0.0016)
4. \$420.64 from Stormwater Management – Printer Maintenance (1197.0006.430.436.0.0015) to Computer/Software (1197.0006.430.436.0.0016)
 - a. This was tabled from the last meeting. Councilman Booth wanted more information from the Surveyor, who was again not available. Council President Hockersmith advised the Surveyor to get help from IT. Auditor Anandel explained that, if the Surveyor utilizes IT for this request, the monies will come from County General. As is, the monies will come out of user fees. A motion to approve lines 2-4 as made by Councilman Chastain, seconded by Councilman Davidson. Motion carried 7-0.
5. \$818.00 from Pre-Trial Diversion – INPRS (4911.0009.410.412.0.0022) to Special Equipment (4911.0009.440.445.0.0042)
 - a. This is for a pending claim. A motion to approve line 5 as made by Councilman Mills, seconded by Councilman Smith. Motion carried 7-0.

V. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Deanna Durrett requested an update regarding the Homestead Survey. Auditor Anandel reported out of 11,500 homesteads, 82 were found questionable. After first review, that was narrowed to 57. Her vendor, Lexus/Nexus and her staff are following up on the 57 in question.

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Clocktower Update – Sandra Loftland-Brown reported the project is on schedule to be complete the week

of May 14th. They are planning a dedication at 3p on June 17th at the courthouse. She announced their committee plans to place a plaque in honor of all donors in the courthouse. Councilman Booth strongly disagreed with the placement of the plaque, as all taxpayers have contributed. Commissioner Bane clarified the plaque had not yet been approved, but he felt it was good for the community. Councilman Davidson questioned where the funds for the chimes was coming from, as they were not in the original plan. Sandra Loftland-Brown would not provide that information, but Commissioner Fulwider confirmed the chimes were approved.

B. Peters Municipal Financial Agreement Follow-Up

- a. Councilman Booth reported the agreement was signed. Peters requested additional information, with which Auditor Andel provided. Peters is hopeful to have their report available by the June Council meeting. Attorney Rob Reimondo explained they were able to agree on a 5 year plan. Auditor Andel requested a copy of said agreement.

VII. STAFF & ELECTED OFFICIALS' REPORTS:

A. Commissioners' Reports

1. John Frey opened himself up for questions.

B. Auditor – Jennifer Andel reported her office has been handling several questions regarding available deductions.

C. Treasurer – Janet Johnson reported that property tax statements were mailing by April 13. E-Bills went public April 6. Council President Hockersmith asked if there was relief available to those in need. Treasurer Johnson responded that those who are already behind and facing tax sale can sign up for a yearlong payment plan through her office. Anyone in good standing who is having trouble paying their current bill is reminded that partial payments are accepted. In both cases, penalties will apply.

D. Assessor – Sherri Bentley clarified you cannot appeal your taxes, only your assessments. There is a 45 day window in which to do so, following receipt of your Form 11. That window is closed for taxes due in 2018, but the Form 11's for next year will be mailing in the next few weeks. She encouraged tax payers to come in with questions.

E. Sheriff – Mark Casteel

- a. Sheriff Casteel would like to use commissary funds to cover failing ballards, creating a safety concern at the Jail. He asked the council to approve without a quote, as it is not taxpayer money. Councilman Davidson made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Councilman Booth. Motion carried 7-0. Councilman Davidson followed with a motion to accommodate Sheriff Casteel's request to repair ballards without a budget using commissary funds. Council Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.
- b. Sheriff Casteel reported the Jail continues to run close to max capacity. Currently housing 202 inmates, capacity is 224.

VIII. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

- A. Communications Center – Beth Sessions announced it was National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week and urged everyone to recognize the dispatchers.
- B. County Highway Director – Jeremy Phillips reported the county roads involved in the detour around St Rd 47N are quickly declining due to increased traffic.
- C. Emergency Management – Shari Harrington announced EMA was hosting an upcoming Storm Spotters class on April 26th. It is open to the public.
- D. Health Department – Amber Reed announced the next Prescription Drug Take-Bake is April 28th from 10a-2p at the Health Department parking lot. DEA takes care of disposal. Tire Amnesty Day will be April 21st at the same location.

IX. FUNDED ORGANIZATION REPORTS:

- A. Purdue Extension – Monica Nagele handed out her quarterly report and discussed a new council formed to discuss the walkability of sidewalks and need for bike paths. She has recruited a new chef for Chef University, held at Hoover. She will also be hosting a Local Food Summit on April 24th to highlight local food suppliers/producers.

X. COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORT

A. Committee Reports

- a. Mark Smith publicly thanked the Health Department for all their hard work.
- b. Gary Booth reported the RDC is moving forward with the sewer expansion.
- c. There was a lengthy conversation throughout the meeting discussing the use of LIT, prior use of LOIT and the subsequent need for the changes in disbursement of credits resulting in higher tax bills for homesteaders.
- d. Auditor Andel reminded the Council the next meeting was scheduled for Election Day and the courthouse would be closed. Council President Hockersmith made a motion to move the next meeting to May 15th at 9a at the courthouse, seconded by Councilman Smith. Motion carried 7-0.

B. Liaison Reports: None

XI. CLAIMS: None.

XII. PUBLIC COMMENT

- a. Mark Davidson stated his opposition to wind farms and feels the county has a huge responsibility to protect their citizens. He referenced a report that is available through a local citizen's action group.
- b. Jennifer Andel urged everyone to look at the second page of their tax bill for a breakdown on how the bill is calculated. She shared her office was open and available for help or further explanation M-F from 8a-4:30p.
- c. Shari Harrington, on behalf of AWL, clarified that the "Optional Dog Tax" is not optional. The word "optional" comes from the State as counties have the option to enact the tax.
- d. Gayle Lough wanted to know if the Cum Bridge Fund was used for the courthouse parking lot. Council President Hockersmith replied no.
- e. Gary Booth announced a county wide zoning meeting was being held that night at 6:30p at Southmont. Urged everyone concerned with zoning to participate.
- f. Bob Cox announced his upcoming departure from the Journal Review and commended the Council on the work they did with regards to the property taxes. He stressed public education with regards to county government. Council President Hockersmith thanked Bob for his years of service to the citizens of the county.

XIII. INSERT – Next Regular Council Meeting: Tuesday, May 15, 2018

XIV. ADJOURN: A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Booth, seconded by Councilman Morrison. Motion carried 7-0.

Terry Hockersmith, President

Don Mills, Vice President

Greg Morrison, Councilman

Gary Booth, Councilman

Richard Chastain, Councilman

Mark Davidson, Councilman

Mark Smith, Councilman

Attest:

Jennifer Andel, Auditor